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STOCK LEVELS

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1. PURPOSE

This Regulation prescribes authorized stock levels which shall be maintained for support of Agency operations. Guidance is provided regarding the various factors to be considered in maintaining adequate stock levels to meet the appropriate operating condition.

2. DEFINITION

Stock levels are the authorized or directed quantities of material to be maintained on hand and on order in anticipation of issue demands. Levels of expendable material, on which valid consumption or usage data has been obtained, are normally expressed in terms of "days of supply" while levels of nonexpendable material, such as fixed equipment and special items, are normally expressed in terms of fixed quantities by unit of issue. Equipment in use does not constitute a part of stock levels.

3. COMPOSITION OF STOCK LEVELS

Stock levels consist of two essential parts which are:

- a. Stockage objective, the amount of material to be maintained on hand.
- b. "Pipeline time" or "order and shipping time," the average time which elapses between the ordering of material and receipt. Pipeline time varies in accordance with distance from source of supply and other factors. Pipeline time has a direct effect on stock levels, but not on stockage objective. The pipeline time expressed in days multiplied by the average daily consumption of the item represents the quantity of that item which should be on order at all times.

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4. TYPES OF LEVELS OF SUPPLY

- a. "Safety Levels" are levels of essential material established to ensure continued operations during minor interruption of normal replenishment or unpredictable fluctuations in supply demand.
- b. "Standby Stock Levels" are levels of vital material established when infrequent use would not otherwise justify the establishment of levels, and the lack of which might cause serious consequences. Example: Parts for fire-fighting equipment.
- c. "Seasonal Levels" are levels of material having seasonal use, such as fuel for space heating, winter clothing, etc. Seasonal levels must be given careful consideration in order to have required material available when needed.
- d. "Strategic Levels" are levels specifically authorized or directed to be maintained for stockpiling material for possible future use or as emergency reserves. Strategic levels will not be considered a part of the normal stock levels of depots or stations.
- e. "Operating Levels" are levels established to sustain operations in the interval between the arrival of shipments or between replenishments. These levels are based on past issue experience and anticipated demands.

5. BASIC POLICY

Following is the Agency policy concerning establishment and maintenance of stock levels contingent upon availability of funds and storage facilities.

- a. The Chief of Logistics, in coordination with the operating elements, will direct the levels to be established in specialized depots and general

- b. Except as specifically justified by the head of a field installation and authorized by the Chief of Logistics, the stockage objective for installations will not exceed 60 days' supply.

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25X1A6A e. Heads of [REDACTED] may authorize establishment of safety levels, standby levels, and operating levels within the limitations of paragraphs 5a through 5d, above.

f. Policy concerning the establishment and maintenance of stock levels for overseas field is set forth in [REDACTED]

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